

Congresswoman Kaptur joined officials from the area public transit agency helped break ground for a new para-transit facility in downtown Toledo.

The new office and maintenance facility will serve the Toledo Area Regional Paratransit Service, which provides transportation services to seniors and people with disabilities.

“TARPS is a vital service,” said Congresswoman Kaptur. “It truly is a lifeline to independent living for thousands of people in our area. It is an example of our commitment to their quality of life, which is one of the main goals of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

“The construction of this facility over the next year will create jobs and help rebuild this part of the city as we go about the process of rebuilding our community one step at a time.”

Kaptur also noted that the new TARPS facility will incorporate a number of energy-efficient features, including an earth-sheltered building design, solar panels, geothermal heating and cooling, skylights and reflective roofing. It will also feature a biodiesel fueling center.